

ABSTRACT

"Method and device for predicting the quantity of printing product available in a printer and necessary for printing a document"

~~Prediction of a quantity of printing product necessary for printing a document stored in memory and managing the printing product resources available in a printer.~~

According to the invention, all the documents are stored in the form of digital data and there is created, from these data, at least one table describing at least part of a monochromatic component of said document, said component corresponding to a given printing product and each cell of said table representing a pixel, the number of so-called "switched on" pixels in this table is counted and there is derived therefrom a necessary quantity of the printing product before demanding said printing.